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Owner: Charles J. Gibbs

Date of Erection: About 1760

Architect:

Builder: Peter Stille

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - ironstone

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel

Historical Data:

The land upon which this house stands was originally a part of a tract of 1000 acres that was located and surveyed by Andrew Robeson in 1699. This was devised to his son Samuel who by his will dated 1699 directed his executors to sell. They sold nine hundred and fifty acres to William Dalbo in 1701. The Dalbo family in 1724 sold six hundred and sixty-five acres to Joseph Parker. Parker sold this tract to Enoch Enochson minus one hundred acres reserved for Peter Dalbo. From Enochson the title passed in 1735 to Gabriel Friend who also acquired in 1744 the tract set aside for Peter Dalbo. Friend by deed in 1748

conveyed the property to Evan Morgan. The elder son of Evan, Morris Morgan, conveyed the property to Peter Stille in 1752. Stille is the builder of the stone house. By his will dated 1766, Stille bequeathed one equal undivided third part to his daughter Elizabeth, one-third to his daughter Sarah, and the other third to his son John. Elizabeth conveyed her part to John in 1793. In that same year, John for one hundred pounds gold and silver money sold to James Stratton.

James Stratton M.D. in his will of 1811 bequeathed his mansion house (NJ-82) and the rest of his property to his wife Mary. He also directed that after his death the executors should sell the mansion house and land. The children of Dr. Stratton sold the property for thirty-five hundred dollars to Charles C. Stratton, one of the children, who by will in 1859 gave the property to his brother Samuel. Samuel died in 1860 intestate and his widow and two children conveyed the property to James D. Gibbs. The present owner received the property through the will of James D.

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